



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MINISTRY OF TOURISM WEEKLY UPDATE
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What's New in Dominican Republic:

- **Santo Domingo to Host 2nd Edition of Marathon SDC** | *For the second consecutive year, Santo Domingo will host its grand "Santo Domingo Marathon SDC" on September 8. The route will begin at Centro de los Héroes and cross the most emblematic parts of the Colonial City. With route options spanning from 42 kilometers, 195 meters and 21 kilometers, there's something for every type of runner to enjoy. www.GoDominicanRepublic.com*
- **Brand New Cruise Ship Available for Bookings** | *Virgin Voyages unveiled a new Adults Only cruise line, Scarlet Lady, which will begin voyages April 2020 from Miami. The five-night Dominican Daze itinerary includes a stop in Puerto Plata at Amber Cove. The 2,750 passenger Scarlet Lady includes 1,330 cabins and 78 RockStar suites. According to the brand 93 percent of the rooms offer an ocean view and most of the rooms include a terrace. www.VirginVoyages.com*
- **Two Santo Domingo Properties Highlighted As Top Luxury Hotels in Caribbean** | *The Intercontinental Real Santo Domingo and the JW Marriot Hotel in Santo Domingo were both highlighted as Top-10 Luxury hotels in the Caribbean by TripAdvisor user ratings. These recognitions are based off visitors who rated the properties based on their stay, the two Santo Domingo properties were recognized for their décor, amenities, dining, location and accommodations. www.TripAdvisor.com*
- **New Punta Cana Properties to Open this Fall** | *Playa Hotels & Resorts will open the Hyatt Ziva Cap Cana and the Hyatt Zilara Cap Cana resorts in Punta Cana November 2019. The hotel group announced they will also open the Hilton La Romana Family resort in December 2020. More information on the pending properties coming soon. www.PlayaResorts.com*
- **23rd Annual Dominican Jazz Festival to Begin This Week** | *The much anticipated Dominican Republic Jazz Festival will begin August 30 and 31 in Cap Cana at the venue Los Establos and will tour to different regions through November 3. The festival is comprised of a free concert series that also celebrates culture and art. This year's theme will be a tribute to jazz in Latin America. www.GoDominicanRepublic.com*

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